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HONORING ST. PATRICK.

The great feast of St. Patrick, the apostle of Ireland, falls on Wednesday, March 17, and it is a day set apart by the sons and daughters of Erin and their descendants to observe the world over for special observance. Catholics of the Irish race, we owe it to our race and to the "faith of our fathers" to observe this day with proper religious and civic celebrations. We should expect every parish in the United States to have special services on the day, at least every parish where people of the Irish race predominate. It should not be necessary to ask this of the parish priest, for where would the church be in America were it not for the children of the land of St. Patrick? But our duty as Catholics men and women of the Irish race is to see to it that we ourselves hold proper celebrations of the day, and that this will be done in Louisville is assured, as the programme arranged by the Ancient Order of Hibernians and Friends of Irish Freedom, printed on another page of this issue, will show.

Ireland needs our help, and prayer is the greatest means of help just now. She that deserves so well of all the Christian world—has a special claim on us who have come from her flesh and blood. The events leading up to this St. Patrick's day are epoch making. The bond certificate drive of the Irish republic is on. The Senate and House of Representatives are ringing with voices raised for the freedom of the land of St. Patrick. Why should we be not stirred more than ever now to let the world see that we have not forgotten the faith of St. Patrick? The day we have always celebrated whose significance is no more greater than ever. Here is for the greatest St. Patrick's day celebrations the world has ever seen—March 17, 1920!

CROWDS AT CHURCH.

At least during Lent there are reasons for knowing that many people are in earnest about trying to be good Christians. On three evenings of each week crowds may be seen at the Catholic churches in every city and town, where such devotion as the Rosary, the Way of the Cross Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament are conducted by the pastors, and strong sermons preached on the great truths of our religion, particularly on the life and sufferings of our Lord. Attendance at daily mass is likewise much larger than at other times. These crowds going to the churches are in striking contrast with the other crowds that may be seen, even during Lent, standing in line in front of movie and other theaters on Sunday afternoon and evening. Do many Catholics go to shows Sunday night?

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN.

Readers of Sunday's Courier-Journal were at a loss to understand its comment on the Republican State convention and reflections upon President Wilson and his associates on the Peace Commission. Suggesting William Heyburn, E. T. Frank and King Swope in comparison with President Wilson and those with him, our neighbor hands out this:

"Three such Republican giants as those who excavated the Kentucky plateau would far outclass all the Wilson rabble that found its way to the Hotel Crillon; while with the Kentuckians' superior 'trained thinking ability' they ought to finish successfully in a few weeks what was abominably botched in six months by the Wilson Commissioners and the Plenipotentiaries of some twenty-odd nations of a world awry."

Shades of Watterston and what has come over the old lady and brought about this heart change?

UNITY AND ACTION.

"The Church suffers not because her doctrines are not complete . . . but because of the lethargy and inertia of individual Catholics."

This sentence, couched in a few meaningful, well-chosen words, observes the Catholic Bulletin, is the product of more than a quarter century of observation by a man who knows wherof he speaks. In virtue of her divine origin, there can be nothing wrong with the doctrines—the mind and soul of the church. It is then the material element, the units which comprise the body of the church, which must be at fault. And they are the human beings who comprise its membership.

Much has been done, and is even now being done, to obviate this difficulty. Not the least of these is the effort put forth by the hierarchy in their recent conference at Washington to awaken the faithful to their obligations and opportunities. Now as heretofore, one in belief, the church seeks a similar unity in activity. The National Catholic Welfare Council is the medium through which it seeks to accomplish this object here in America. Born of the necessity for coordinating the varied and scattered efforts of Catholics, that same necessity makes its continuance imperative. "In unity there is strength." When individual Catholics have fully assimilated the meaning of this axiom and have thrown off the inertia and inactivity that has hobbled their wills, we can expect to see the return of true peace and tranquility to this troubled world. And only then.

MUST TIE THE MARK.

It may not be amiss to inform politicians of all kinds that the Irish vote is now the property of no man or set of men—the recent municipal and State elections proved that. The time has passed when patry expressions of sympathy with his old cause around election time can catch the Irish voter. For the Irish voter is determined to support only those who have proven their devotion to American principles and the ideals which he is endeavoring to transplant on Irish soil. The candidate of the future must therefore tie the mark of genuine Americanism without a trace of Anglo-Saxon varnish if he wants Irish American support. That is the lesson the politicians will have to learn whether they want to or not.

THEY HAVE FLED.

The much advertised "Ulster delegation," consisting of Honorable Billy Coote and his seven Belfast brethren, who were supposed to set the United States on fire against the cause of Irish independence, have suddenly left America for Ireland. Coote and his Protestant ministerial troop of performers didn't address one public meeting in the United States. All their meetings were held in Protestant churches and in each case the pastor who invited them to speak was either a Belfast Orangeman, a Scotchman or an Englishman. Their last meeting was held in New York, where they spoke at the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian church to a small congregation. They had been invited by the recently imported pastor, Rev. John Kelman, of Edinburgh, Scotland. Presided over by Dr. Kelman, the Orange-Loyalist bunch passed a resolution against the recognition of Ireland by "our" Government, with an altar in the chair. So they "folded their tents" and quietly departed from New York for Belfast. Challenged to public debate everywhere they went by Rev. Dr. Mythen, Lindsay Crawford and others of the Protestant Friends of Ireland, the bigots fled, finding out that the soil of the American Republic had no welcome for them or no sympathy with their views.

RETURN OF LEADER.

Herbert Asquith's return to the House of Commons is, in its way, an event of no little importance, since it gives to the Liberal party the element of leadership which it has lacked since Lloyd George betrayed his party and went over to the reactionaries. Asquith believed in Dominion home rule for Ireland and would have drawn the home rule bill (now on the statute books) on Dominion lines, but was overruled by his supporters, including Lloyd George. He has not changed in this respect, but if anything has gone a step farther, for in his campaign speeches he insisted again and again that "self-determination" should be applied to Ireland, and that Ireland's case "was a worse case than that of the Poles, Czechs, Slovaks, Jugoslavs, or the Baltic provinces."

MERELY PAPER SCHEME.

To intelligent and right thinking men Lloyd George's latest home rule bill for Ireland is a very remarkable scheme—on paper. It would embrace two legislatures, one representing six and the other twenty-six counties, and a national council in which proportionate representation was denied; and over all the authority of Parliament, except on purely local questions, would be



Scene From the Easter Drama, "Pilate's Daughter," Presented by Holy Rosary Alumnae.

supreme. There is nothing in this grotesque arrangement even faintly suggesting the Canadian system, under which the election of a parliament and therefore the choice of a ministry is always determined by the majority of the Canadian electorate. The obstacle to the application of the home rule principle in Ireland since Gladstone brought in his first measure of that character has always been the opposition of four counties in Ulster. It remains to be seen whether that obstacle can be removed by the expedient of a new legislature, to sit in the north of Ireland. But even if it can, the great majority of the Irish people, in their present temper, will not acquiesce in the compromise.

FIUME.

It has been said that in opposing the turning over of Fiume to Italy the President was doing for France and England what they wanted done, but could not do for themselves. It now appears that both England and France are ready to adopt the President's views on the matter. A great victory for the President, his admirers will say. It is a victory that will benefit only France and England, particularly the latter.

FRANK McGRATH.

The announcement has been made that there will be a mass meeting of the local Democracy next Monday evening at the Tyler Hotel to approve of the newly appointed local City and County Democratic Committee, Chairman Frank McGrath.



and his associates to officially retire at this meeting. The different meetings and gatherings of the gentlemen handling the reorganization plans have developed and brought to light the indefatigable work and energy furnished by Chairman McGrath during his committee leadership. The average Democratic voter does not realize the many duties and sacrifices involved as head of the party organization, and the reorganization meetings have served to convince many that the thanks of the local and State Democracy are due the retiring Chairman for his labors during the past twelve years. There has not been a single criticism of his stewardship, and Chairman McGrath will retire as the strongest and most popular Democrat in Jefferson county.

COVINGTON.

St. Patrick's night this year will be celebrated by the Ancient Order of Hibernians of Covington in a style somewhat different from the usual. With the Maes Club, of Newport, they will present an "Evening of Irish Entertainment" that will be up to the highest standard. John L. McDermott, who has had much experience, will have charge of the production. In the cast are such stars of the amateur stage as Misses Aline and Dolores McLoach, Maude Daly, Margaret McDermott, the Schatzell Quartet, Messrs. Harry Vonnard, Art Marginal, Tom Flynn, Victor Burns, Bob Sheridan, James Leashey and Joe Grimes. The entertainment will be presented in the Covington Library Auditorium.

THE GREAT PHYSICIAN.

"She will die," said the famous doctor. As the Nurse came down the ward. But the poor, weak patient heard him. And clutched life's breaking chord. She thought of the ones who needed her counsel and help and care. And out from her heart she breathed A pitiful, silent prayer.

"Dear Sacred Heart of Jesus! You have never failed me yet; You have helped me carry bravely All the crosses I have met; You have sent me strength and patience In each hour of pain and strife. But this morn, O Heart of Mercy, I am pleading for my life.

"There are little ones who need me In a cottage far away. They are calling 'Mother, Mother!' Give me time to guide their footsteps On the path that leads to You, Spare my life. O Heart of Jesus, There is work for me to do."

From that moment strength came swiftly To the poor, exhausted frame. And the mother's heart was speeding To the ones who called her name. And each evening by the bedside Tears of love and joy will start, As she sings to them the praises Of the Saviour's Sacred Heart. —Brian O'Higgins.

RECENT DEATHS.

Tuesday morning the funeral of Melchor Reiss, beloved husband of Mrs. Leila Reiss, 940 East St. Catharine street, was held from Holy Trinity church, of which he was a devout member. Besides his widow he leaves seven children to mourn his death.

Monday morning funeral services were held for Frank Rehm, retired carpenter and perhaps the oldest member of St. Paul's church, who resided at 413 East Oak street. He is survived by a son, John Rehm, and three daughters, Mrs. John Kubauch, Miss Carrie Rehm and Mrs. William Vance.

Louisa Mueller, thirteen-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Edward Mueller, died of pneumonia following influenza, at the home of her parents, 2356 Transit avenue, early Sunday morning. Besides her parents she is survived by several sisters and brothers. Funeral services will be held at the residence Monday morning with burial in St. Louis cemetery.

Louis G. Borschneck, sixty years old and widely known in insurance circles, died Sunday morning at his home, 1114 South Floyd street. Born in Berlin, Ind., he came to Louisville while a young man, and here he had a legion of friends. He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Charles L. Sacksteder, to whom many extend sympathy. The funeral was held Tuesday morning from St. Paul's church, Rev. Father Donohoe celebrating requiem high mass.

Thomas E. Bennett, aged fifty-five and well known all over the city, died Wednesday at the home of his brother-in-law, Joseph Regan, at Pewee Valley, after a long illness. He had a wide circle of friends who will mourn his passing. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Mary Regan Bennett, and a sister, Mrs. John Wilson, 958 South Preston street. The funeral was held from St. Francis of Rome church Friday morning. Rev. Father Riley celebrating the requiem mass.

News of the death of Patrick J. Connors, for many years a fearless member of the police department and a resident of the West End, was received with expressions of sincere regret. Patrolman Connors died after a short illness of pneumonia at his home, 1707 Baird street. He was born in Ireland, but came to this country while in his youth, and is survived by his widow, Mrs. Bridget Meehan Connors. Funeral services were held Wednesday morning at St. Patrick's church, of which he had long been a faithful member.

CHICAGO.

Chicago, the great metropolis of the West, when incorporated as a city on March 4, 1837, had a population of only 4,170.



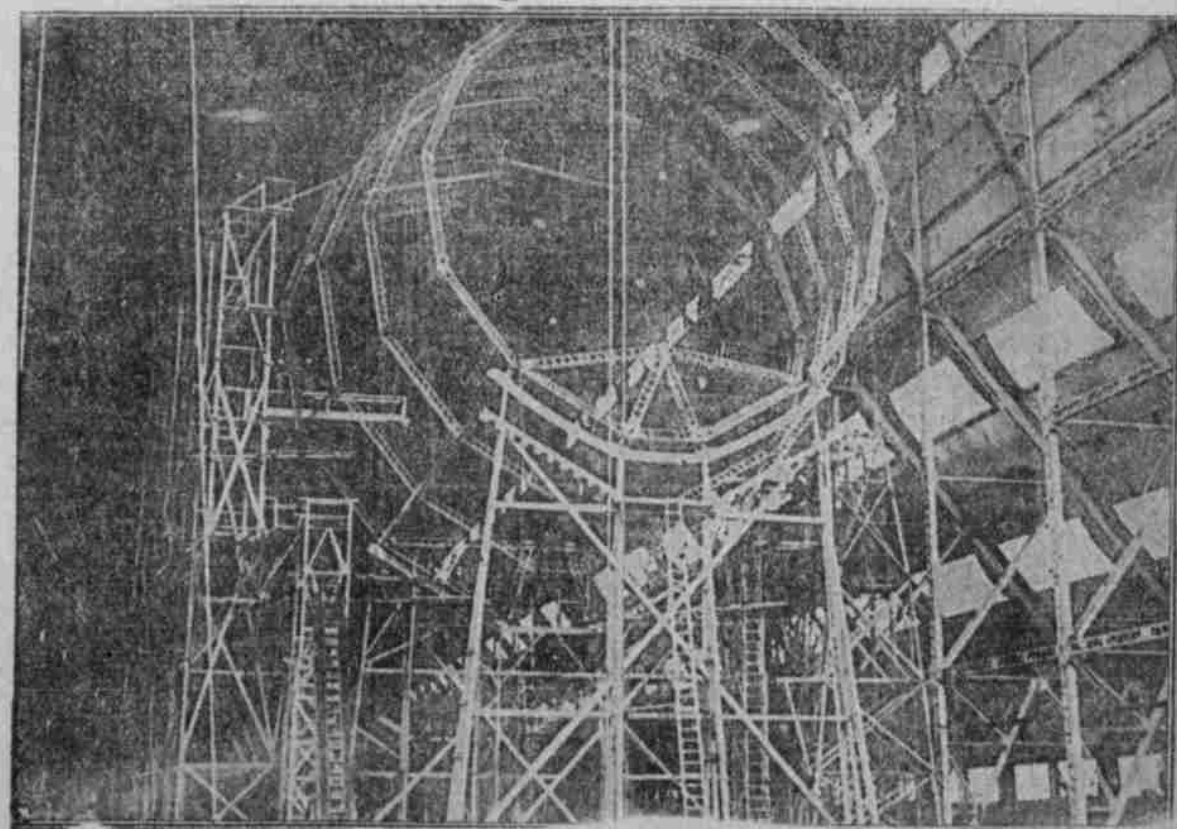
CHARLES H. KNIGHT.
Successful business man prominently mentioned as candidate for Mayor.

COLLEGE IRISH NIGHT.

On Wednesday next, St. Patrick's day, the exercises in honor of Ireland's glorious apostle will be held at St. Xavier College Auditorium, Second and Broadway. Besides the exercises a part of the night's entertainment will be a gymnastic exhibition by the students of St. Xavier's. The boys' work in this line is interesting and shows what good instruction and systematic effort are capable of accomplishing. Reserved seats are now available at the college.

FILM FURNISHED FREE.

The National Catholic War Council announces that it will furnish without charge the patriotic motion picture review, "American Catholics in War and Reconstruction," to pastors desiring to show this historic film to their congregations and to Catholic organizations that desire to exhibit the picture for the benefit of their members. The picture is an



BEING BUILT IN ENGLAND FOR THE UNITED STATES.

Framework of the R-38, the largest airship in the world, which is being built for the American Government in England at a cost of nearly \$2,500,000, and which will fly to the United States when completed.

inspiring recital in six reels of exclusive, instructive and entertaining motion pictures of the wonderful war and reconstruction work of the twenty million American Catholics men and women, acting under the direction and advice of the hierarchy through the two main operating committees of the National Catholic War Council—the Committee on Special War Activities and Knights of Columbus Committee on War Activities.

APOSTOLIC DELEGATE.

In Vatican circles it is reported that Msgr. Bonzano, the Apostolic Delegate to the United States, will shortly be recalled from Washington and given a high post in the Papal court, preliminary to his elevation to the Cardinalate. Msgr. Bonzano probably will be succeeded at Washington by Msgr. Lauri, the present envoy at Peru. Various other changes in diplomatic service of the Vatican are pending.



EDISON CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY.

Thomas A. Edison and his family review parade of Edison employees at the plant at West Orange, N. J. Left to right, Thomas Edison, Jr., Mrs. Charles Edison, Thomas Alva Edison, Mrs. Thomas A. Edison and Charles Edison.

WORTHY CAUSE.

The cause of Ireland makes a powerful appeal to the heart of every man, who appreciates liberty and justice; of every man, who hates tyranny and oppression; of every man, who admires transcendent perseverance in patriotism under inexpressible persecution, declares the Catholic Telegraph. After centuries of foreign domination, the people of the Emerald Isle at last found a way to protest to the world, in an unmistakable manner, against the longer continuance of the invader upon her sacred soil. They voted for and established the Irish Republic. That the election was incontestably fair is proved by the fact that it was held with the machinery of the British Government. The World War was fought to establish forever the right of nations, small as well as large, to determine their own form of government. Ireland demands freedom to exercise that right. She ought to have it.

UNIQUE SOCIAL AFFAIR.

Miss Mary Strain entertained in a unique way for her 500 club at her home in Dewey Heights, New Albany, when those present voted Irish hospitality unsurpassed. St. Patrick's day was anticipated in the beautiful decorations and the planning of other details. Her guests were Misses Helen English, Amanda Howe, Mary Stoy, Freda Thornton, Margaret Marquet, Isabelle English, Helen Thornton, Helen Marquet, Helen Flynn, Mary Howe and Mary Flynn.

PRAYER FOR MARCH.

His Holiness Pope Benedict XV. has recommended "The League of the Sacred Heart in Parishes" to the Apostleship of Prayer as the general intention for the month of March. The Holy Father wishes for an increase of devotion among the faithful in these days, when the enemies of our holy religion, all the world over, are doing their utmost to discredit our Lord and to deny his divinity. His Holiness knows that nothing can promote true piety so

IRISH WEATHER SIGNS.

Moonlight nights have the heaviest frosts.
The higher the clouds the finer the weather.
The farther the sight the nearer the rain.
Dew is an indication of fine weather.

When stars flicker in a dark background rain or snow follows soon.
Expect a strong wind with stormy weather when smoke from chimneys hangs near the ground.
Here are a few in verse. They have the advantage of being easily remembered:

Clear moon, frost soon.
Year of snow, fruit will grow.
Rain before seven, fine before eleven.

The wind in the west suits everyone best.
If the sun set in grey, the next will be a rainy day.

When the wind's in the south, the rain's in the mouth.
If you see grass in January lock your grain in your granary.

Evening red and morning grey help the traveler on his way.
Evening grey and morning red bring down rain upon his head.
When the clouds appear like rocks and towers
The earth's refreshed by frequent showers.

PRIESTS' VESTMENTS.

There are six vestments worn by the priest celebrating mass:

The Amice is a white linen veil which the priest puts over his head and shoulders. It represents the veil with which the Jews covered the face of Jesus when they struck Him.
The Alb is a long white linen garment which reaches to the feet of the priest. It represents the white robe that Herod, in mockery, put upon our Lord.

The Cincture or Girdle is the cord tied around the waist to hold up the Alb. It represents the cord with which Jesus was bound.
The Maniple, worn on the left arm, represents the chains put up-

on our Lord, and also the handkerchief with which Veronica wiped his face.
The Stole is a narrow band which hangs down from the neck, and is crossed on the priest's breast. It represents the cords with which our Lord's neck was bound after his condemnation. It is also the distinct sign of the priestly office and is used in many ceremonies and blessings.

GIVEN LEGION MEDAL.

John McCormack, America's singing soldier, so described for his work in war benefits, received a gold medal from the American Legion of New York county at a benefit concert at the Hippodrome. Gen. John J. Pershing attended as the chief guest. The medal is a replica of the American Legion button, engraved with a statement of appreciation. McCormack has raised \$50,000 for various war service organizations.

WORK DURING LENT.

The Good Shepherd Auxiliary is meeting each Friday morning at 10 o'clock at the Good Shepherd Convent, where the members sew for charitable purposes and are doing an excellent and appreciative work.